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IMKO-AB-MWA-AFA

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AREA II COMMAND POLICY # 1-6

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: The Family Advocacy Program in Yongsan and Area II

1. REFERENCE: AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 27 September 2004.
2. PURPOSE: The policy reiterates our shared specific responsibilities in dealing with family violence. Leaders at all levels must be personally engaged in the effort to end family violence and use all programs and resources at their disposal.
3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all United States Forces, Korea (USFK) personnel and family members residing in Area II.
4. MISSION: The mission of the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is to reduce family disruption and violence, and promote effective family functioning by establishing information and education programs and services which support strong, self-reliant soldiers and families; ensure prompt reporting, assessment and investigation of instances of abuse, while providing treatment to all affected family members. For soldiers involved in family violence, it is essential treatment be immediate and uninterrupted. Until a soldier's mandated treatment is completed, his/her place of duty will be at their scheduled appointments.
5. GENERAL:
 - a. Family violence is contrary to Army values and threatens the safety and welfare of our military families and communities. Incidents of family violence undermine unit cohesion, morale and readiness. Preventing family violence is a command priority and a leader responsibility.
 - b. This command is committed to achievement of a safe and secure environment for our soldiers and families. Family violence in the form of spouse and child abuse detracts from that goal and from readiness in general.

6. POLICY:

a. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 27 September 2004, outlines programs designated for prevention and treatment. The regulation highlights the requirement of mandatory briefings for unit/company commanders and senior enlisted advisors (E-7 through E-9) concerning the FAP within 45 days after appointment to a command position, as well as annually. In addition to this requirement, all unit/company commanders are responsible for scheduling an annual FAP Troop Awareness Briefings for their soldiers.

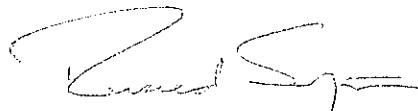
b. Commanders must also be aware of, and where appropriate, use the Transitional Compensation Program. This program authorizes temporary payments for families in which a soldier has been involuntarily administratively discharged from service, or has been discharged from service and/or forfeited all pay and allowances by court-martial for dependent abuse that occurred on or after 30 November 1993. This program encourages spouses to report abuse and provides financial assistance if the eligible spouse agrees not to cohabit with the abusing service member.

c. I expect all commanders to cooperate in dealing with family violence cases. Promptly report all known or suspected abuse and refer soldiers for assessment. Ensure soldier's compliance with established treatment plans to include command representation at the Case Review Committee Meeting. Encourage family members and civilian participation in the Family Advocacy Program. The Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC) is the 121st General Hospital Social Work Service, 737-4101 from on post or 0505-737-4101 from off post, or the 101 Hotline from any military phone.

7. Commanders, it must start with you! I totally support the Family Advocacy Program and I expect your total support as well. We are all responsible for taking an active role in stopping family violence and getting soldiers and families the help they need.

8. The proponent for this policy is the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program, 738-8861.

9. This policy memorandum supersedes Area II Command Policy Memorandum # 1-6, IMKO-AB-MWA-AFA, 16 October 2003, subject as above.



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